

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC HEARING –REZONING)**

June 16, 2003

7:00 PM

In the absence of Mayor Baines, Chairman O’Neil called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, Lopez, DeVries,
Garritty, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Absent: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Shea

Chairman O’Neil advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to hear those wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning Ordinance change; that the Clerk will present the proposed Zoning Ordinance change for discussion at which time those wishing to speak in favor will be heard, followed by those wishing to speak in opposition; that anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and recite his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; and any questions must be directed to the Chair.

The Clerk presented the proposed Zoning Ordinance change:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by rezoning property bounded by Bell Street, the former Concord & Portsmouth railroad right-of-way, and Belmont Street, from the Current RDV (Redevelopment District) zone district to the R-3 (Urban Multifamily) zone district, containing approximately 1.7 acres and being TM 128, Lot #2.”

Chairman O’Neil requested that Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, make a presentation.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I just wanted to quickly orient you as to where this is and I will use the slide. You also have black and white handouts. This is Valley Street. You can see the old Portsmouth branch of the B&M railroad that is abandoned crossing Valley Street and this is Belmont running north and south. The site is adjacent to an older electrical substation and this is the new Walgreens on the corner of Wilson and Valley. The area currently zoned...you can see these green lines are actually the zone lines. Most of it is zoned RDV, which is Redevelopment and allows for a variety of industrial, commercial, office and institutional uses. The request by the applicant in this case is to have the Board rezone this particular lot. As indicated it is about 1.7 acres. It touches Bell Street on one side. It does

not technically have frontage on Valley because of the railroad tracks here and then touches Belmont Street. The request is to change the RDV into a R-3, which is Multi-family. I think you saw in the literature that he is hoping to build handicapped accessible, wheelchair accessible, multi-family units on this particular site.

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Chairman O'Neil advised that all wishing to speak having been heard, the testimony presented will be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading to be taken under advisement with reports to be made to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at a later date.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk